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(54) Multiple-speed automatic transmission for a motor vehicle

(57) A multiple-speed automatic transmission is described for automotive vehicles able to produce three underdrive speed ratios, a near direct ratio, and two overdrive ratios. A kinematic arrangement includes three simple planetary gear units (48, 50, 52). One of these produces an underdrive output drivably connected to components of the other gear units, two friction clutches (118, 122), three friction brakes (124, 126, 140), an overrunning coupling (82), a final drive gearset (94), a differential mechanism (102), a chain drive mechanism (30) for transmitting power from the turbine (16) of a torque converter (10) to the input shaft, which drives elements of the planetary gear units.

